

WARC Newsletter

The Monthly Newsletter of the Wantagh Amateur Radio Club

December 2003



Meeting Notice: The next monthly meeting of the Wantagh Amateur Radio Club will be held at 8:00 P.M. on Friday, December 12th, at the Wantagh Public Library.
Agenda: This is our annual holiday party.



Minutes of the November 14th General Meeting

WARC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 14th, 2003.

The meeting was opened at 8:15 by Vince, KD2EP, President.

All Officers were present except Ralph, WP4KO.

Minutes were accepted as read by the secretary, Bill, N2RRX.

Treasurer's Report: Chris KC2FBW reported a current balance of \$335.31.

OLD BUSINESS:

The report of the nominating committee was read by the secretary. The nominees are: ►

WARC Election Results

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS HAVE BEEN ELECTED FOR THE 2004 CALENDAR YEAR.

President: Vic Panzica K2IY
Vice Pres: Al Bockelman K2ES
Secretary: Bill Kelly N2RRX
Treasurer: Chris Specht KC2FBW
Director: Vince Vignati KD2EP
Director: Bob Eckstein WB2CAO
Director: Frank Porcaro N2RSO ■

Fallon Retains Hudson Division Directorship

In an ARRL election battle that pitted director against vice director, Frank Fallon, N2FF, prevailed to retain his seat as Director of the League's Hudson Division. He beat back a challenge from his Vice Director Steve Mendelsohn, W2ML, 1933 to 1470. Ballots were counted November 21 at ARRL Headquarters. The Hudson Division's was the sole contested seat in the current director/vice director election cycle. For his nearly 500-vote

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President - Vic, K2IY
Vice President - Al, K2ES
Secretary - Bill, N2RRX
Treasurer - Chris, KC2FBW
Directors: Vince, KD2EP (as immediate past president)
Frank, N2RSO
Bob, WB2CAO

The president, Vince, then asked for nominations from the floor. There were none. Nominations were closed and the committee's report was accepted. The secretary cast one vote for the slate. The meeting was closed at 9:30 P.M., however, it was reopened for new Business.

NEW BUSINESS

The Holiday Party was discussed. The final decision was to hold it as usual at the library, after the December meeting. Members are requested to bring some kind of dessert, and the club will provide coffee, soda and paper goods.

Sid, K2LJH, then announced that Ham Radio University 2004 would be sponsored by LIMARC in January. It will be held at the Eastwoods School in Oyster Bay. Forty-five minute seminars will be conducted throughout the day, as they were last year. All clubs are invited to setup recruiting tables to attract new members. He then gave an informative update on the interference that Broadband on The Power Lines (BPL) will cause to the amateur and business radio community.

Meeting was closed at 9:00 PM. We then continued with coffee, conversation and doughnuts.

Respectfully Submitted by
Bill N2RRX, Secretary ■

Fallon - Continued

margin, Fallon, who's retired, credits his ability to devote full time to ARRL as well as to Hudson Division members' apparent appreciation for what he's been able to accomplish.

"That's what made the difference," Fallon said. "I'm real happy with the way the vote turned out." He said work already is under way to secure Amateur Radio antenna bills in New York and New Jersey. Parts of both states fall within the Hudson Division.

A resident of East Williston, New York, Fallon has served as director since 1997. A former high school English teacher and a ham for 41 years, Fallon is an ARRL Life Member.

During his tenure as Hudson Division Director, he's been a member of all standing committees and now sits on the Administration and Finance Committee, which oversees the League's programs and budget. In addition, Fallon has served on the ARRL Executive Committee for four years and is on the ARRL Foundation Board.

The election result leaves Mendelsohn--a veteran ARRL officeholder who once served as Hudson Division Director and as ARRL First Vice President--again without a League leadership role. Joyce Birmingham, KA2ANF, was the lone candidate for the vice-director's seat that Mendelsohn vacated to run for the division's top spot. ■



2004

ARRL New York City-Long Island Section Convention

Sunday, January 18, 2004
East Woods School in Oyster Bay, Long Island

Featuring:

[A seminar by the ARRL on Amateur Radio Emergency Communications](#)

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Oyster Bay, New York - On Sunday, January 18, 2004 at 8AM, the doors of the East Woods School will open for the fifth annual Ham Radio University and the ARRL New York City/Long Island Section Convention. Ham Radio University 2004 is a day of education about Amateur Radio.

The event is being held at the prestigious East Woods School, a private school on 46 acres in Oyster Bay. There will be special forums geared to the non-ham as well as the experienced ham radio operator. The focus will be "hands on" with many demonstrations.

Come join us at the East Woods School, 31 Yellow Cote Road, Oyster Bay, Long Island, and learn about everything from satellite communications, low power operating using radios as small as a tuna tin and the latest in emergency communications. There will also be a VE session for those who would like to take an FCC exam and a Special Event Station set up and operational on HF.

HRU 2004 is sponsored this year by the Long Island Mobile Amateur Radio Club and is a cooperative effort between over twenty clubs and organizations in the New York City - Long Island area. Besides the forums, there will be tables set up with information about different organizations and clubs including the Red Cross, Salvation Army, National Weather Service, Friends of Long Island Wireless as well as ham radio classes, local FCC exam schedules, ►

public service and other activities. New this year is a special seminar presented by the ARRL explaining the different on-line educational courses that are now available. They include Emergency Communications, Antenna Modeling, HF Digital Communications, Beyond Repeaters, RFI and more. These are part of the ARRL Certification and Continuing Education program that can be found at <http://www.arrl.org/cce>.

Join us for a day of fun and education for the whole family! Admission is open to all - donation is \$2 per person. (Refreshments will be available).

Directions: The school is approximately 18 miles east of the Queens/Nassau border in Nassau County. Take the Long Island Expressway east to Exit 41 North (Rte 106/107). Routes 106 and 107 will split about 1/2 mile north of the LIE, then follow 106 north (to the right). Go about 4 miles to Route 25A. Make a right and head east on 25A and go about 2 miles to Yellow Cote Road (on your left). Look for the white sign that says "East Woods School". Proceed approximately 1/2 mile - the entrance to the school will be on your left at another white sign. There is parking available in one of the three designated areas in on three sides of the school. Look for the HRU signs!

TALK-IN on W2VL 146.850 -600 136.5 PL ■

The National Radio Emergency Network to debut:

The National Radio Emergency Network (NREN), <http://www.aa8vs.org/nren/> will commence operations December 1st. A cooperative effort of several US CW net managers, NREN hopes to provide an alternative public service network geared to low-power, portable and mobile stations. "Because CW provides significantly more reliability for stations operating at low power levels (QRP) or with compromise antennas, this will be a CW-based program," said an announcement from Chuck Mabbott, AA8VS. NREN will work on the "radio watch" principle, and member stations will maintain a watch on one or more of three selected frequencies in the 40, 30, and 20-meter bands. A detailed description of NREN, along with standard operating procedures, is available on the NREN Web page at <http://www.aa8vs.org/nren/>.

NWS To Recognize Amateur Operators

- **[NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE TO RECOGNIZE HAM RADIO OPERATORS, STORM SPOTTERS](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/pa/HAM11-25-03.html)** <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/pa/HAM11-25-03.html>

11-26 - **Source:** NOAA

Continuing a tradition started in northwest Kansas, NOAA's National Weather Service (NWS) offices around the country will honor the public safety contributions of amateur radio operators and severe weather spotters during Skywarn Recognition Day on Dec. 6. Click on link above for full story.

The WARC Newsletter, an official publication of The Wantagh Amateur Radio Club, is edited and published monthly by Frank Porcaro, N2RSO.

The Wantagh Amateur Radio Club meets on the second Friday of each month at the Wantagh Public Library. Directions to the library, along with notices of meeting changes, invited speakers, demonstrations, etc. can be found at the club's website, <http://www.qsl.net/w2va/home.htm> . Visitors, both hams and other persons interested in amateur radio, are invited to attend. Coffee tea and doughnuts usually are served after the business meeting and before any presentations from guest speakers.

The officers and directors of The Wantagh Amateur Radio Club wish all of you a very Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah, and a very Happy, Healthy, and prosperous New Year.

Frank Porcaro, N2RSO, Editor

